



MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION

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The Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) is a state agency serving more than two million people through grants and special initiatives that enhance communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote arts education and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage.

MAC's three sources of funding



Mississippi State
Legislature



National
Endowment
for the Arts



Private
Funding

FY2017 Grants to Artists, Organizations & Schools

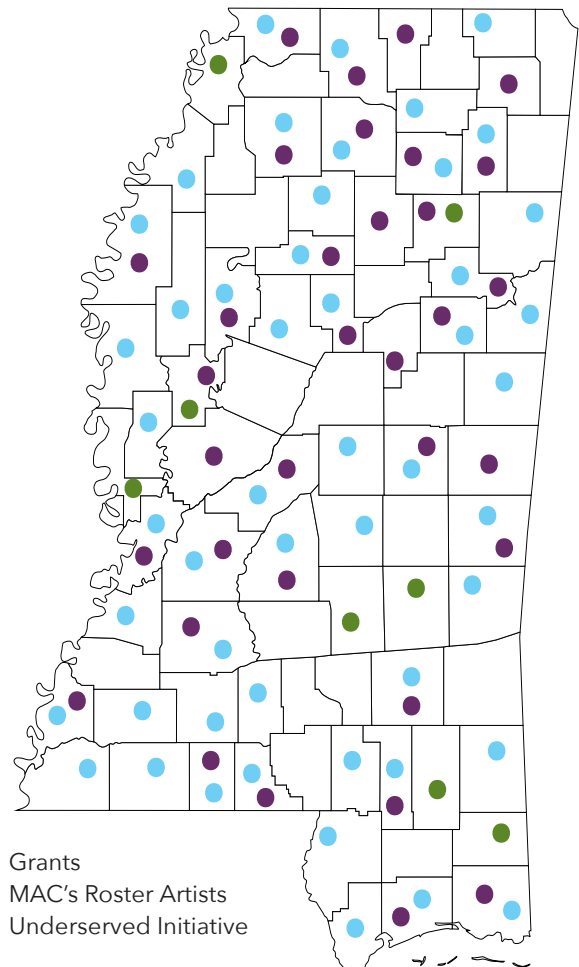
262
Grants

\$1.5M
Funds
Awarded

99
House
Districts

52
Senate
Districts

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Grants to Organizations

Operating Grants of up to \$30,000 aim to help nonprofit arts organizations maintain financial stability, build organizational capacity, improve artist programs, and distribute their programs throughout the community.

Project Grants fund a broad range of arts projects in Mississippi communities with awards ranging from \$250 to \$5,000.

Minigrants for Organizations of up to \$1,000 are designed to meet a wide variety of needs in Mississippi communities.

MAC's **Underserved Initiative** is a program to help ensure more equitable access to the arts throughout the state by identifying and connecting with counties that have not recently received grants or services from MAC. Eight Mississippi counties benefited from this initiative in FY2017.

Grants to Individuals

Artist Fellowships provide grants of up to \$5,000 to individual artists of different artistic disciplines to support professional development or the creation of new work.

Folk Arts Apprenticeships of up to \$2,000 allow master traditional artists to work with emerging artists in their discipline as a means of passing down expertise in folk arts to younger generations.

Artist Minigrants provide grants of up to \$500 to support the professional development, promotional efforts, and/or supply needs of individual artists.

MAC's **Artist Roster** is a juried listing of nearly 100 artists and educational professionals who have been accepted to the Teaching Artist Roster and/or the Mississippi Artist Roster through a competitive process. In FY2017, MAC added 39 new artists to the roster for a 3-year term.

enhancing learning THROUGH THE arts



MAC's Arts Education programs promote arts participation as an essential component of the learning experience for all Mississippians.

The **Whole Schools Initiative** (WSI) is Mississippi's first comprehensive statewide arts education program which focuses on using the arts as a vehicle to promote high-quality instruction. MAC works with teachers to develop strategies that incorporate arts across the curriculum. In FY2017, MAC's WSI served 15,750 students, 1,423 teachers and administrators, and 32 schools.



Link Up, a Carnegie Hall Weill Music Institute music education program, works with symphonic orchestras throughout Mississippi to collaborate with schools in their local communities for students in grades three to five. Four Mississippi orchestras participated in the program at schools around the state in FY2017.

Poetry Out Loud, a program created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, helps high school students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage. In FY2017, 3,183 students across Mississippi participated in this program.



MAC has 28 Teaching Artists as part of its **Teaching Artist Roster**. These artists and arts educators work with schools and community organizations to develop strategies that use the arts to enhance learning. MAC's Minigrant funds are available to schools and organizations to support presentations, workshops or residencies by these artists.

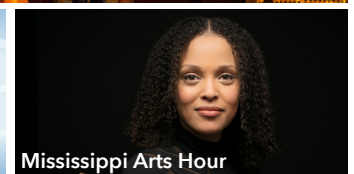
BUILDING awareness OF THE arts

Governor's Arts Awards, an annual event produced by MAC since 1988, honors outstanding artists and organizations and celebrates Mississippi's artistic and cultural legacy. Past recipients include Bobby Rush, John Grisham, and the USA International Ballet Competition.

Arts Day at the Capitol is an event hosted each year by MAC during Mississippi's Spring Legislative Session. Held in the State Capitol rotunda, artists and organizations share with lawmakers how the arts have impacted their lives and communities.

Mississippi Folklife is a digital journal featuring original writing and documentary work focused on present-day folk and traditional arts within the state.

Mississippi Arts Hour is a weekly arts interview radio show produced in partnership with Mississippi Public Broadcasting showcasing creative Mississippians. In FY2017, MAC featured 60 artists on the broadcast including Bill Ferris, Laurin Stennis, and Willie Farmer.



artFULLY commemorating MISSISSIPPI'S 200TH BIRTHDAY



In FY2017, MAC worked to develop an in-depth **Bicentennial Curriculum** exploring 200 years of Mississippi history through the arts.

As part of the **Bicentennial Folklife Survey**, MAC's Folk and Traditional Arts program gathered photos and other documentation to organize a series of exhibits highlighting the diversity of Mississippi's traditional arts.

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